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Dear Art Instructor,

It is my pleasure to announce that my office will be participating in the Annual Congressional Art Competition. The school's art department may choose up to four high school students to represent their school at the local Second Congressional District Art Competition to be held Saturday, April 24, 2010, 9:30 AM at Chesterfield Arts Gallery.

The winning entry from my congressional district will be displayed with other districts' winning entries on the wall of the Cannon Tunnel for one year. Also, Southwest Airlines has graciously offered the winner three round trip tickets to attend the ribbon cutting and reception in Washington, D.C. In addition, if a winning participant applies and is accepted into the Savannah College of Art and Design, that person will be awarded the Artistic Honors Scholarship, renewable in the amount of \$1,500 per year. The second place winner's art will hang in my office in view of visitors for one year, and third place winner's art will hang at a local St. Louis library for one month.

Please share this letter and the enclosed information with your art students. Interested students must let my office know of their interest by Friday, April 16, 2010. I look forward to working with your students. If you have any questions, please contact my staff assistant Holly Warden at 314-590-0029 or holly.warden@mail.house.gov.

Respectfully,



W. Todd Akin, Member of Congress

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